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Title: Semiconductor Constructions, And Methods of Forming Capacitor Devices

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS**

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**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 6, 7, 22 and 30 are canceled; claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 23-25, 31 and 38 are amended; and claims 1, 3-5, 8-21, 23-29 and 31-91 are pending in the application.

The specification is amended to correct several minor errors, and also to indicate that the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. Application Serial No. 10/656,732. Submitted herewith is a new declaration of the inventors indicating that the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. Application Serial No. 10/656,732. Applicant believes that no fee is due for including the claim to benefit of the earlier filing date of application 10/656,732 in the present application at the present time under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) in that the claim for benefit of the earlier filing date is being submitted within 16 months of the September 4, 2003 filing of the priority application 10/656,732.

The drawings are amended to correct several minor errors. Specifically, drawing sheets 6 and 10-12 have been amended. The amendments are shown in annotated sheets provided herewith, and also provided herewith are replacement sheets which Applicant respectfully requests be entered in place of the originally-submitted sheets 6 and 10-12.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments submitted herewith, and examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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# PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	91	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	91 minus 20 =	* 71
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6 minus 3 =	* 3
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY  
TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE	770.00
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	1,278
X43=		OR	X86=	258
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	2306

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	8/19	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*	88	Minus ** 91 =
Independent	*	8	Minus *** 6 = 2
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	1720
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*		Minus ** =
Independent	*		Minus *** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
Total	*		Minus ** =
Independent	*		Minus *** =
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	

\* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

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